

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A device for holding ~~an odor-producing~~ a repellent for producing an odor, said device comprising:

at least two oppositely disposed compartments for holding said repellent, said at least two ~~compartment~~ compartments each comprising an annular ridge, a floor at the bottom of each compartment, a circular sidewall extending downwardly from said ridge to said floor and at least one slot between said ridge and said sidewall; [[and]]

a pair of substantially parallel strips extending outwardly from a first of said at least two compartments and connecting said first compartment to a second of said at least two compartments, said strips defining a space therebetween; and

a removable cap securable on each of said at least two compartments, said removable cap defined by an annular rim and comprising at least one tab extending outwardly from said rim for securing to a corresponding slot of said at least one slot on each compartment of said at least two compartments and at least one orifice for facilitating the transmission of the odor from inside said at least two compartments;

wherein said at least one slot on each of said at least two compartments facilitate the transmission of the odor from said odor-producing repellent from said at least two compartments into the atmosphere.

2. (currently amended) The device according to claim 1 wherein the odor ~~of said odor-producing repellent~~ is a scent blended with a congealing substance, said

congealing substance [[is]] selected from the group consisting of an impregnated paraffin having essential oils [[or]] and an impregnated gel having essential oils.

3. (original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said at least two compartments have a shape selected from the group consisting of ovoid, oval, circular, triangular, square, rectangular, octagonal and polygonal.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The device according to claim [[5]] 1 wherein said cap has a shape that substantially corresponds to said at least two compartments.

7. (original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said pair of parallel strips are comprised of a bendable, resilient plastic.

8. (original) The device according to claim 7 wherein said bendable, resilient plastic is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, poly vinyl chloride, polystyrene, acrylics, nylons, cellulose, fluorochemicals and polyester.

9. (currently amended) The device according to claim [[1]] 2 wherein said at least two compartments further comprise at least one nodule extending upwardly from said floor of said at least two compartments for anchoring said congealing substance within each compartment of said at least two compartments.

10. (original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said device can be hung from a treebranch.

11. (original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said device can be hung from a tree by twisting one of said at least two compartments around a tree branch and placing said compartment through said space of said parallel strips.
12. (currently amended) The device according to claim [[1]] 2 wherein said essential [[oil is]] oils are selected from the group consisting of *Cymbopogon flexuosus* and [[any]] an oil of the Brassicaceae family of plants, such as mustard oil.
13. (original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said repellent is at least one of an animal repellent and an insect repellent.
14. (currently amended) A device for holding ~~an odor producing~~ a repellent for producing an odor, said device comprising:
- a compartment for holding said repellent, said compartment comprising an annular ridge, a floor at the bottom of said compartment, a circular sidewall extending downwardly from said ridge to said floor and at least one slot between said ridge and said sidewall;
 - a securing band oppositely disposed from said compartment; [[and]]
 - a pair of substantially parallel strips extending outwardly from said compartment to connect said compartment to said securing band, said strips defining a space therebetween; and
 - a removable cap securable on said compartment, said removable cap defined by an annular rim and comprising at least one tab extending outwardly from said rim for securing to a corresponding slot of said at least one slot on said

compartment and at least one orifice for facilitating the transmission of the odor from inside said compartment;

wherein said at least one slot on ~~each of said at least two compartments~~ facilitate said compartment facilitates the transmission of the odor ~~from said odor-producing repellent~~ from said ~~at least two compartments~~ compartment into the atmosphere.

15. (new) The device according to claim 12 wherein said oil of the Brassicaceae family of plants is mustard oil.
16. (new) The device according to claim 1, and further comprising a securing device for securing said device for holding a repellent to an object, said securing device comprising a male portion on a first compartment of said at least two compartments and a female portion on a second compartment of said at least two compartments, said male portion and said female portion being engageable with each other to secure said device for holding a repellent to an object.
17. (new) The device according to claim 16, wherein said securing device is a rivet assembly.
18. (new) A cap for use with a device for holding a repellent for producing an odor, wherein the device comprises a compartment for holding the repellent, said compartment comprising an annular ridge, a floor at the bottom of each compartment, a circular sidewall extending downwardly from said ridge to said floor and at least one slot between said ridge and said sidewall; wherein said cap is removably securable to said compartment, is defined by an annular rim, and

comprises at least one tab extending outwardly from said rim for securing to a corresponding slot of said at least one slot on said compartment and at least one orifice for facilitating the transmission of the odor from inside said compartment into the atmosphere.

19. (new) The cap according to claim 18 wherein said cap has a shape that substantially corresponds to said compartment.